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Green Calls For Action To Save Free Unions

By WILLIAM GREEN
President of the American Federation of Labor

The keynote of all our Labor Day celebrations this year must be a call to action—action to preserve the free American way of life from the threat of domestic fascism and world communism.

Both on the national and international fronts, America is involved in a cold war. In our own country, reactionary forces are attempting to turn the clock backward and are gambling upon a depression to return them to power over the nation's economic and political life. On the world front, the leaders of the Kremlin are also gambling upon a depression to weaken American resistance and to enable them to gain dominance over all of Europe and Asia.

PREVENT DEPRESSION

We must not allow that depression to take place. Our government must make every effort to prevent it. And the trade union movement must militantly maintain and defend its standards so that mass purchasing power, the nourishing force of our economic life, can keep the wheels of industry rolling.



its most stubborn resistance in many years. While business continues to derive huge profits, employers throughout the country, as though by a given signal, have tightened up their wage policy, using the pretexts of declining prices

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RECEIVES HEALTH INSURANCE CHECK—Mrs. Hedwig Homan proudly holds daughter Patricia Ann as she becomes recipient of the 20,000th benefit payment of the American Fed. of Hosiery Workers (unaffiliated health and accident insurance plan). AFHW Branch 1 Vice Pres. Joseph Kline presents check as AFHW Pres. Alexander McKeown (center) looks on. Mrs. Homan works at Apex Hosiery Co., Philadelphia.

How Labor Day Was Born

Organized labor was under vigorous attack in 1882 when Peter J. McGuire, later to be known as the father of Labor Day, recommended to a New York Central Labor Union meeting that "a day should be set aside as a festive day (for) a parade through the streets of the city."

"Many of the trade unions of this city are led by foreign radicals," the New York Times commented. "The best results by employers (in fighting them) have been reached by weeding out agitators by a black-list and having nothing whatever to do with trade unions."

The description "foreign radical" was, of course, as inappropriate then for McGuire as similar terms are today about other labor leaders whom employers hate.

McGuire was born in New York City in 1852. A union man from the

age of 15, he incurred the wrath of employers by his militant struggles on behalf of labor. In 1881 he organized the Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, was named secretary-treasurer and held the post for 25 years. Five years later he was one of the prime movers in the creation of the AFL and was elected secretary of the first convention.

ORGANIZE POLITICALLY

A Socialist, McGuire believed

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Prepare For 1950!

By JOHN F. SHELLEY,
President California State Federation of Labor

This year's Labor Day is a most appropriate time for the members of organized labor to give serious consideration to the situation which confronts our entire labor movement. Our most urgent concern today is to turn the tide started by anti-labor forces to destroy labor's already established gains through the enactment of state and federal anti-labor legislation.



Such laws as the hot cargo law in our own state and the Taft-Hartley law in the federal field have as their main object the outlawing of trade union activities that until now have been recognized as lawful. With people in charge of government who are antagonistic to labor union activities, such laws as these can be used to destroy our unions.

This leaves labor only one alternative and that is for the workers themselves to use their political power to elect lawmakers who will treat labor fairly, when it comes to enacting labor laws. Labor's political strength cannot assert itself unless the members of all our various unions awaken to the necessity of each member taking a personal part in making and shaping first the primary election and then the November elections of next year.

The purpose of each labor league for political education that is being organized in every state in our country is to inspire every member of any union to start now getting ready for the election of 1950. We must elect members of Congress and members of our state legislature in 1950 who are pro-labor in their views. But in order to have such candidates to vote for when the final elections are held we must first nominate them in the primaries. For this reason every union member should become active at once unless already enrolled with the rapidly growing labor leagues for political education. If you have not a local league already started in your home district be one of the volunteers to help start it.

This political drive to elect candidates in 1950 who will accord labor a fair deal when they replace the anti-labor representatives who have been so busy opposing labor interests in 1949, is the paramount issue confronting our entire labor movement today.

At this time I wish to extend fraternal greetings to all.



dismissed as a mere wobble in the upward curve. The buyers' market is returning, competition is increasing and management is generally exerting greater pressure on the Union in collective bargaining.

BUILDING EXPANDS

While many sectors of our economy are showing drops, the construction industry together with the automobile industry is expanding. The dollar value of new construction has reached the highest level since last November, a greater than seasonal advance of 11 per cent, and now stands at \$1.76 billion. Accompanying this expansion is the growing productivity of the workers in the building and construction industry.

Time and again certain employers in the construction industry—and especially those engaged in home building—have sought to blame high wages for the exorbitant prices being charged for new homes. In doing this they have deliberately avoided any reference to the unprecedented high dimensions, it can no longer be

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BRIDGES VS. REBER PLAN

In the publicity for more bridges between Oakland and San Francisco there is evident a marked tendency to completely ignore the Reber Plan, which would solve more problems than another dozen transbay bridges ever could solve. Not only would the Reber Plan solve the San Francisco Bay crossing problems, by establishing a toll-free, solid earth causeway, except at the Golden Gate, but it would make possible the full use of the fresh water of the Sacramento River, instead of letting it go to complete waste into the Pacific ocean, as it is doing today. In addition to this the Reber Plan would also reclaim almost as large an area of present useless tide lands as the entire present area of the city and county of San Francisco, besides completely doing away with the present unsanitary sewage disposal into the bay and replacing it with a modern incinerator system for both sides of the bay.

What is more, San Francisco is one of the worst cities in our state to get into with an automobile. Almost anywhere you may try to park you are subject to a fine for stopping. What would it be if the auto traffic should be doubled along the same lines of travel as are now used to get into the down-town part of that city? The Reber Plan would provide adequate facilities for crossing the bay not only for all the road lanes that might be needed in the next thousand years or more for railways, foot-walks and unlimited bus travel, while about all that a parallel bridge would provide would be additional means for more auto traffic to pour into the already congested bottlenecks of downtown San Francisco, besides extending tolls indefinitely.

The Reber Plan would accomplish more than several additional bridges, at a cost of only a little more than one additional bridge would cost while its additional benefits would go far beyond any bridge plan. These bridges concern all Californians, since the whole state is responsible.

LOOKS LESS LIKE WAR NOW

Many developments and incidents of the present year all point to a marked decrease in the clamor for war. The most outstanding is that the peace-time draft law which was rushed through Congress has not yet been invoked. Since that law, as adopted, runs out the middle of next year there is at least the possibility that this law may die without having been used at all.

The further fact that 135,000 civilian workers in the military service have been notified that their employment at military installations is to be terminated forthwith can hardly mean anything else than that those in charge of our government at Washington are not looking for any war to break out, at least not in the near future.

There are undoubtedly people who would like very much to get another war started by most any means that would bring such a calamity about. But the vast majority of our people do not want any war. In Europe sentiment for starting another war is even less than it is here.

What every country needs is to get its industries moving steadily and methodically. For generations to come people of all countries will be paying interest on the debts incurred by the last two world wars, unless steps are taken to pay off those debts. We should be wiping out these debts now instead of talking of more wars.

Every civilization of history which has died, passed out of existence because the people who made it and their descendants ceased to interest themselves in maintaining it.

HOW LABOR DAY WAS BORN

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that workers should organize politically. He led the opposition against those who felt labor should restrict itself to straight economic issues and leave politics alone. An avid student of the social, economic and political questions of the day, McGuire was in great demand as a public speaker. On the platform his ready wit and captivating manner quickly won audiences to his side. He was a busy speaker. Lecturing in every state, he spoke at 2,500 meetings, it is estimated.

When McGuire proposed the first Monday in September as a holiday for labor, the big guns of industry unleashed a withering attack. Workers were warned against participating in the first parade on Sept. 5, 1882. Employers threatened to fire those who paraded. But New York workers refused to be cowed. More than 30,000 bricklayers, freight handlers, typographers, painters, blacksmiths, cigar makers and others were on hand when the signal to start was sounded.

LOUDLY APPLAUSED

Reporting that the "turnout appears to have been intended as an expression of supreme dissatisfaction," the New York Herald said the demonstration was "applauded loudly by the spectators who thronged the sidewalks along the route."

Following this highly successful parade, local AFL groups in other states took hold of the Labor Day idea. In 1886 the AFL officially approved Labor Day. By 1894 it had become a national holiday.

Fearful of Labor Day, the industry-controlled press lashed out against it with venom. According to the American Architect & Building News in 1882, "Labor Day, . . . the very name of which should make every true American blush, ought to be abolished" and instead there should be a procession of scabs (which) would contain the best, the most independent and ambitious part of workingmen."

To McGuire such sentiments were simply spurs to more action. He continued fighting, ever harder, on the side of labor until his death at the age of 62 in Camden, N. J.

Gold Rush Show In Frisco Plaza

Drama and comedy with a '49er flavor will blend with the talents of a Metropolitan Opera star in the "Gold Rush Salute," a two-hour free-admission night show to be presented by San Francisco's Gold Rush Committee at Portsmouth Plaza on September 10.

The outdoor show is one of several events planned this fall to bring to a climax the city's year-long commemoration of the discovery of gold, according to Edward D. Keil, president of the committee.

The "Gold Rush Salute" will present an array of diversified professional talent in addition to the dramatization of several pioneer-day events, including the announcement of the gold strike by Sam Brannan.

Topping the personalities will be Frank Fay, San Francisco-born stage star, and Dorothy Kirsten, noted operatic figure. Miss Kirsten's repertoire will include a rendition of the song, "San Francisco."

Academic Freedom Held Schools' Great Problem

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Academic freedom is the first problem facing the Nation's schools, John M. Eklund, president of the AFL's American Federation of Teachers, said here.

Addressing the 32nd annual national convention of the group, he defined the term as "the preservation of the rights of teachers to free inquiry."

He termed the Communist party "a very real threat to democracy as we know it," but declared that freedom was stifled through arbitrary subversive lists, loyalty oaths and intimidation of teachers.

WE'RE SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD!



LABOR DAY finds the free American worker still enjoying the best living standards in the world. Let's keep him on top and try to lift other nations up to our level instead of dragging our own citizens down to the low labor standards of Europe and Asia. The best way to do that is to buy Union-made-in-America and use Union services. Then—and only then—can we continue to set an example for toilers of all nations. —L. M. ORNBURN, secretary-treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, A. F. of L.

GREEN CALLS FOR ACTION

(Continued from preceding page) and Dixiecrats. The whole program of progressive legislation, except for the public housing bill, fell victim to the coalition's axe.

It is true that some prices have fallen but the cost of living to the nation's workers has not declined appreciably and in some cases has risen, because other prices have gone up sharply in the past year, especially rents. The unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor has fought courageously and are still fighting for reasonable increases in pay for their workers and in most cases they have been able to win modest successes.

All this time, in the midst of distressing and threatening developments, the trade union movement has been handicapped and repressed by the grim impediments of the Taft-Hartley Act. No other single factor during the year has hurt labor more.

T-H DRIVE FAILS

Tragically, the drive to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act during the first session of the 81st Congress fell short of success by a small margin. Despite the overwhelming repudiation of the reactionary policies of the 80th Congress by the voters in the 1948 elections and despite the campaign pledges of President Truman, the new Congress was hogtied by a coalition of Tory Republicans

BUILDING TRADES MESSAGE

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earnings which they have enjoyed—and are still enjoying. This campaign has also been aimed at creating a hostile atmosphere to the building and construction Unions in their negotiations for new agreements so that requests for higher wages could be rejected.

SHARE HUGE PROFITS

It has definitely been established that the employers in this industry could afford to share a little of the huge profits they have amassed with the worker. This is evidenced by the fact that the cost of labor—compared with other costs at the site of house building production—has not gone up since 1932. This fact should be widely advertised as it will help to overcome the common propaganda to the effect that labor costs in this industry have been responsible for the high price of homes.

In a recent issue of the Monthly Labor Review, official publication of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor, it is reported that pay-roll at the site accounted for about a third of total house construction costs in 1946-47. The article states: "The proportion of costs chargeable to site labor was reported to be about the same as in 1931-32."

NOT HIGH LABOR COST

From this it is unmistakably clear that labor costs have not been and are not responsible for the high cost of homes. It must be recognized that the building industry is not a mechanized mass production industry dependent upon a conveyor belt attended by

semi-skilled and unskilled workers. On the contrary, it is a custom industry and a handicraft industry dependent upon highly skilled craftsmen, who acquire their skills only after long terms of apprenticeship. With this in mind, it can be seen that the wage scales paid to the building trades craftsmen are not out of line with wages paid to comparable unskilled craftsmen in the manufacturing industries.

NEW AGREEMENTS

Recently the construction crafts consummated new agreements which will continue for two years in Central and Northern California and for one year in the south. The Unions were eager to cooperate in every conceivable way in the stabilization of the industry. In spite of the resistance from the employers they were able to obtain wage increases and improvements in working conditions. The stabilization achieved in this industry will greatly contribute to the stabilization of other industries.

While we have been able to adjust ourselves to this trying transition period, we must keep in mind that the times ahead are full of complications and new worries. Only a united labor movement, capable of appraising the situation realistically, will succeed in meeting the new obstacles, whatever they may be. In this respect the State Building and Construction Trades Council place itself wholly at the service of the building and construction crafts and with them will do everything possible to continue their march forward.

Monterey Labor Shows How To Win in Local Elections

By GEORGE L. RICE

Acting Secretary, Monterey Peninsula Cen. Labor Council
Organized Labor on the Monterey Peninsula has had its ups and downs during the past year, with fair success in organizational matters and in politics while suffering blows on the legislative front which hurt the summer sardine canning season.

Politically, our AFL unions did a wonderful job in Monterey's city election, winning with two union men who were candidates for city council and also helping a pro-labor candidate become mayor of Monterey.

Buck Russo, a motion picture operator, and Anthony Alves, a fish cannery worker, are the city councilmen elected. Les K. Smith, a hardware store proprietor, was chosen as mayor and he already has shown friendship for the labor movement.

Hotel, Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483 was prominent in organizational matters, as was Retail Clerks Union 958.

Picket lines were placed by both unions as a necessity in winning contracts. Noteworthy was the lengthy picketing of the Pep Creamery, this strike won after a lengthy struggle. Further activity by Local 483 includes picketing of the Karmelkorn Shop, also in downtown Monterey.

The clerks union was forced to picket in several instances, but winning agreements in all cases under leadership of Garold Miller, business agent.

The Fish Cannery Workers Union has taken a serious blow from the State Legislature. Here the lawmakers, studying the disappearance of sardines from local waters in recent years, voted to eliminate all summer catch and pack of sardines and also to abbreviate the regular sardine season by one month.

CANNERIES DEADLOCK

With the season opening set for August 1, employers and AFL cannery workers and fishermen had not reached agreement on contracts and cannerys were shut down. At time of this writing the cannerys are still idle. End of the season is January 15.

All unions in Monterey are cooperating in a political program through formation of a Labor League for Political Education.

The Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council is considering a program for financing the LLPE program and also increasing its revenue for operating costs. Co-ordination of the Monterey LLPE with similar political programs in Salinas and also for the entire 11th Congressional District is being worked out and next years' election activity is expected to be best of recent years.

Secretary Wayne Edwards of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council took his usual leave of absence for summer months.

The building trades unions in the council have had a good year, but their progress is being told in another article, we understand.

NEW CARPENTER HALL

Incidentally, Carpenters Union 1323 has a fine new meeting hall and headquarters out in New Monterey. During the past year this union and other building trades organizations have had headquarters

Miller Active On Monterey Fete Pageant

Fred Miller, business agent of the Monterey County Building Trades Council at Monterey, is taking an active part in the pageant connected with the Constitutional Convention Centennial in Monterey this week and next.

For the past few weeks, Miller has been developing the whiskers which were prominent here 100 years ago and in the pageant plays a major role, dressed as one of the early Californians.

In addition to taking the part in the pageant itself, Miller, who is a capable horseman, has been assisting during spare time in the rounding up of horses for use in the pageant.



GEORGE L. RICE

in Bartenders Hall, in downtown Monterey.

All in all it has been a good year for labor unions. There have been minor setbacks—a fire in one of the fish cannerys shutting down the plant—election defeats by some labor-sponsored candidates last November—unemployment problems—but these have been offset by continued forward progress generally.

Labor union officials have been honored through appointment to civic committees and organizations and donations of work by union members for benefit purposes have won for the unions the praise of the community.

Officials of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council deserve credit for the council's good year. These officials include:

President—E. E. Winters.

Vice President—E. D. Karl.

Secretary-Treasurer—Wayne Edwards, of the Teachers Union.

Acting Secretary—George L. Rice of Local 483.

Sgt.-at-Arms—Sam DuBose.

In Union Circles

Nominations for officers will be accepted by Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union as the next meeting, September 9, and the election will be at the October meeting.

Mrs. Neva Gregory, office secretary for Carpenters 1323 of Monterey, will leave on a trip East on September 9, when her annual vacation starts. Her plans call for a train journey and a visit with friends and relatives during two weeks away.

Harvey Baldwin, business manager of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, was in Los Angeles this week, attending the California State Federation of Labor convention.

George Harter, former business agent of Local 925 of Carpenters, and his wife have returned from a trip to Nebraska, the journey for the purpose of visiting relatives.

Attending the State Federation of Labor Convention as Los Angeles are Bertha Boles and Al Clark, secretaries of Culinary Alliance 467 and Bartenders Union 545. Both attended the California State Council of the crafts prior to the state labor gathering.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Teamsters Union 890, was in Los Angeles this week for the State Federation of Labor convention. He returned from his vacation trip last week.

No Men Needed In Monterey County, Say Officials

Don't come to Monterey County looking for building trades work—there are more than enough men now to handle the various projects coming up, union officials report.

Reports have flooded the state that the big state prison job at Soledad, state highway work and home construction throughout the county, and the now-underway P. G. & E. generator project at Moss Landing, would provide employment for all who went there.

The influx of workers to Monterey and Salinas has caused some hardship on unemployed members of local unions, who have first call on these jobs—and causes more hardship on those workers coming into the area due to lack of accommodations as well as work.

All crafts report sufficient men to handle scheduled jobs. List of unemployed in the union offices are so long that it is probable that many persons waiting will never get put to work, officials say.

So, union officials all agree—don't come to Monterey or Salinas looking for building trades work!

Sardine Catch Tops '47-48; Big Year Due

By last Friday the sardine catch for Monterey this season had totaled 10,900 tons, which is some 1000 tons more than the sardine catch of the entire 1947-48 season, union officials pointed out.

With the season's total in three days of fishing—start of the actual sardine netting was delayed by negotiations on fish canning agreements and on the price to be paid per ton—already above the total for two seasons ago, optimism returned to Monterey Row along with a belief that maybe the sardines have come back.

Last year's seasonal total was 35,700 tons, and observers said the outlook this year is better than in nearly a decade.

Price paid by the canners is \$40 a ton, a compromise from the \$50 asked by the boat owners and \$25 first offered by canners.

Fish were said to be of excellent quality, averaging over nine inches in length.

Some 2000 members of the Fish Cannery Workers Union were kept busy processing and canning the sardines in the best season opening in many years.

Carpenter Hall Move Delayed

Various delays have slowed the work of completion of Monterey Carpenters Hall, in New Monterey, and moving date for Carpenters Union 1323 still is not announced.

Interior of the new building has yet to be finished, it was reported.

However, Local 1323 is making plans for its new offices and will meet soon with other AFL organizations in regard to office space in the new building, it was learned.

WORK FOR LABORERS UP IN SALINAS AREA

Laborers of Local 272 in Salinas are continuing busy with unemployment at a minimum, Business Agent J. B. McGinley reports.

The Talcott Lumber Co. housing project near the Rodeo grounds is progressing well with some houses nearly completed already.

In Salinas, Contractor Ted Baum of Fresno has started laying rock for sub-base for the repaving of John and Abbott Streets, portions of Highway 101 which is being rebuilt through Salinas, McGinley said.

One advantage of rice is that it keeps in storage for longer periods and in better condition than many other starchy products.

Monterey County Bldg. Trades Tackle Many New Projects

By HARRY FOSTER

Secretary, Monterey County

Building and Construction Trades Council

One word describes the past year's activities of the Monterey County Building and Construction Trades Council—PROGRESS!

All our crafts have been busy and happily we have had very little unemployment during the year, as several big jobs have developed in our jurisdiction.

The big remodeling job of the Del Monte Hotel properties to make the U. S. Naval School; construction of the big Carmel River Dam up in the mountains, building bridges at Big Sur, installation of numerous sewer lines, the new Monterey telephone building, countless residence projects, and many other jobs have kept employment high.

To try on short notice to give a detailed report of the Building Trades Council's activities would be foolish—the council has done too much in the past year to report in a short article.

COUNTY-WIDE

Biggest project of the council at present and in recent months has been the effort to get the Salinas building trades unions to become active in the council, which covers the entire county.

We believe that the council should represent all unions and our stand is supported by Frank Lawrence, president of the State Building Trades Council.

For many years the Salinas building unions have had their own group—not an official Building Trades Council—to handle their problems. We are trying to work out some plan whereby all building unions of the county could be together under one official council—this plan to be presented to Salinas unions as soon as possible.

Maybe next year we can report that all county building unions are under the one council banner.

Cooperation of all the unions in the Monterey area has been high and is largely responsible for the success recorded during the year.

For example, all building trades unions and most of the miscellaneous unions have worked from one headquarters (Bartenders' Hall) since the Building Trades Council office in the State Theatre Building was closed.

This close association has had its benefits, as all union officials have been able to see each other almost daily.

Carpenters Union 1323 is nearly finished with its own building at time of this writing and may be moved in before Labor Day. This fine new building, in the New Monterey area near the former Carpenters Hall, is a big asset to the Monterey Peninsula. Other building unions may move in with the carpenters, we understand.

BIG JOBS AHEAD

As for the future, no one can say. Monterey County will continue to have work for building craftsmen with the big P. G. & E. job at Moss Landing far from done and with the state prison at Soledad to be started soon.

There still is a need for more residences and housing projects are expected from time to time to keep our men supplied with work.

Officers of the Building Trades Council here join with me in wishing a fine Labor Day holiday for all the people and for continued success as the years roll by. Officers of the council include:

President—Paul H. Masuen.

Vice President—Henry Roy Kreyer.

Secretary—Edward Weiner, 20

Via Encina, Monterey.

Business Agent—Harry Foster,

Box 424, Marina.

Butchers Meet At Salinas This Thursday

Meeting of the Salinas division

of Butchers Union 506 will be held

on Thursday night of this week

(September 1) at Carpenters Hall,

422 N. Main St., Salinas.

Business Representative—E. L.

(Pete) Courtright said the meet-

ing would normally have been on

the first Monday of the month but

was advanced for this month only

because the first Monday is Labor

Day, a holiday.

Mrs. Johnson On Vacation

Mrs. Lillian Johnson, office secretary for Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, was away last week enjoying her annual vacation. Her destination and plans were not disclosed.

Injunction Against Union Is Barred

Los Angeles. — California state courts cannot grant injunctions to employers to prevent peaceful picketing by unions when the employers are engaged in interstate commerce.

That was the effect of a ruling here by Superior Court Judge Stanley Mosk as he dissolved an injunction obtained by the Davidson Brick Co. against the United Brick & Clay Workers (AFL). The judge held that the NLRB and not the state courts had jurisdiction over the matter because the company was engaged in interstate commerce.

Mosk cited California cases holding that the injunction power was "expressly conferred" upon the NLRB under the Taft-Hartley act and not "concurrently" on state courts.

Patman Opens Probe Into Small Business

Washington. — The House small business committee August 22 opened hearings to investigate organizations which claim to represent small business.

Chairman Wright Patman (D., Tex.) of the special committee said: "We want to know whose ideas are being spread by these organizations, those of small business or big business. . . . This committee must be zealous to protect small businessmen from organizations which purport to represent and to speak for them but which may not represent them at all."

"Jones seems to be a successful man. I suppose he made hay while the sun shone."

"Not only that, but he made it from the grass that other people let grow under their feet."

LABOR DAY GREETINGS from these MONTEREY COUNTY A. F. of L. UNIONS



LAUNDRY WORKERS
INTERNATIONAL UNION

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SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

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SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS
LOCAL 20616
SPRECKELS, CALIFORNIA

LABOR DAY GREETING TO ALL ORGANIZED LABOR

OUR LABOR DAY MESSAGE
TO UNIONISTS AND FRIENDS
IS TO ALWAYS RESPECT
THE UNION LABEL,
HOUSE CARD
AND
UNION BUTTON

FISH CANNERY WORKERS MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA



LABOR DAY GREETINGS
from

MONTEREY PENINSULA
CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

With Local 890



General Teamsters,
Warehousemen and
Helpers' Union

Local 890

274 E. Alisal St.
Salinas, Calif.

The Joint Council of Teamsters No. 7, which this Union is affiliated with, may conduct its own newspaper; and such a paper will be confined to issues pertaining to Teamster organizations only.

Your Union for many months argued the merits of a Teamster paper and other Unions affiliated with the Joint Council have also been interested in a Teamster paper. As a result, the first edition is due to roll off the presses on or about October 5, and twice a month thereafter. This will be a trial run for approximately three months in order that all of the Unions may acquaint themselves with this paper. If it proves successful no doubt this will be your official bulletin from your Union. It is hoped that some good will come out of this so that we may be able to progressively familiarize ourselves with all of our work and the various jurisdictions surrounding us within our International Union.

We wish to go on record that the Monterey County Labor News has been a great help to your Union; it has been a source of information over the years and we certainly want to point out that the only reason the Teamsters are desirous of having their own newspaper is because of the fact that our jurisdiction is so extensive, and that your Union of course never has any control over the advertisements that appear in the Monterey County Labor News and in some instances the editorials have been in conflict with policies of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

If this Teamster paper does not prove successful, no doubt your Union will continue with the Monterey County Labor News. This matter will be discussed at the next regular meeting of your Union which will be held at the Salinas Union High School on Tuesday, September 13 at 8 p.m., that being our regular meeting night.

Are you a registered voter?
If not, register today at the
Union Office.

The regular meeting in September is the last meeting for the third quarter. REMEMBER THAT NON-ATTENDANCE AT ONE QUARTERLY MEETING at least, you are subject to a \$2.50 fine. Next meeting is September 13th at Union High School, Salinas.

We regret to report the death of Brother Israo Masquifel who was killed when off the job at Gilroy, Calif. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brother Masquifel's family and friends.

Brother Wallace Edinger walked in the office this morning with a little bundle—lo and behold it was a son (Larry Lee), born about nine weeks ago. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Edinger.

IMPORTANT TO ALL MEMBERS
If you have any news items which you want to appear in this column, please mail it to the office of the Union, or contact the Business Agent while he is on the job. There must be some interesting news items which could appear here if only the members would give the office of the Union the "news bits."

IF YOU ARE 21 AND HAVE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, BE SURE YOU DO IT TODAY OR THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE AT THE UNION OFFICE.

It is important that all of us be registered voters so that when important elections come up we may be able to participate in all political activities which may be of interest to Labor people and the community in which we live.

The next regular meeting in Monterey is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th at the Bartenders Hall at 8 p.m. Monterey members, remember that this is the last meeting for the third quarter and non-attendance of at least one meeting quarterly subjects you to a fine of \$2.50.

The early run by Pictsweet has already started, and this operation will continue for approximately 60 days. Any of our members who formerly worked for Pictsweet are entitled to return to their job if they are notified, and capable to perform the work.

UNION SECURITY

We hear a great deal of talk these days about security—social security, national security, etc. But what is "Union security?" Union security means security for forms of Union security such as the closed shop, maintenance of membership, etc., but the Union shop is the most common form in most industries.

A Union shop means that all the workers receiving the benefits of the Union must become members and pay their dues. It gives the Union security in guaranteeing that all the members will support the Union. It prevents free riders. If trains and buses let people ride free, they would soon be out of business from lack of revenue. Then nobody could ride. The same thing would happen to your Union if it didn't have "Union Security."

It's your Union supported by your dues so why not attend the meetings and find out what your Union is doing for you.

INVISIBLE PICKET LINE

Did you ever stop to consider that you might be crossing a picket line without even being aware of the fact that one exists? Many times a day our members go into gas stations, garages, parts houses, parking lots and many other establishments over which the Teamsters claim jurisdiction, which do NOT display the Teamsters Shop Card. Members patronizing any establishment under our jurisdiction which does not display the Union Shop Card are, in reality, crossing an invisible picket line.

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You may pay your Union dues on time and you may attend all your Union meetings . . . but you are not a 100 percent Union member if you cross that invisible picket line.

CAB SITUATION

The cab situation remains the same . . . remember that the Tex-homo, Ace, City and Dependable Cab companies are on the Teamsters' "We Do Not Patronize" list.

We ask that you patronize the following cab companies only: In Salinas, Black and White Cabs, Salinas 5565; Yellow Cab and Checker Cab, Salinas 7337; Packard Cab, Salinas 8001; in Monterey, Rusty's Cab Service and Monterey Taxi Service. ALL OTHER CABBS ARE NON-UNION AS FAR AS THE TEAMSTERS ARE CONCERNED.

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Ironworkers' Contract Is Completed

The four Bay district Ironworkers locals have approved the contract recently completed by Ironworkers International V.P., E. M. Woods, M. Fenton of Local 377 reports.

It provides for a 10 cents an hour wage increase for all three ironworkers' classes, and will also provide for subsistence pay for any work done more than 25 miles from home.

Fenton said that the agreement had a trick clause on the effective date. For work contracted for after April 19, August 1 is the effective date. Workers employed on such jobs will get the ten-cent raise retroactive to August 1.

On work started before April 19, October 1 is the effective date of the contract. These features were worked with the thought in mind that contractor bids on the earlier jobs were based on the old wage scale.

The new rates are: Structural steel workers, \$2.50; Ornamental workers, \$2.35, and reinforcing steel workers, \$2.25.

\$100 Million Against Labor

St. Louis—Since its founding the Committee for Constitutional Government, big business anti-labor propaganda arm, has spent \$100 million on its operations, the St. Louis Labor Tribune, AFL newspaper, charged in an editorial.

"The CCG has been in the van of reactionary pressure groups fighting against the adoption of any and all progressive social legislation," the newspaper said, adding: "It is currently trying to raise \$8,750,000 to continue this year's campaign."

ing firms as they are working under Union agreements and hire members of your Union: Firestone Stores at Monterey and San Luis Streets; Les Thompson's Tire Service, Front and Alisal Streets; Deane Tire Service, E. Gabilan and Monterey; Lamar Brothers, E. Market and Monterey; Don Hultz Tire Shop, Pajaro and Alisal; Harry Rhoades Tires, John and Front; Richfield Station next to the Department of Employment on Monterey Streets and Sears at Valley Center.

Have you received your insurance policy? We have a great number of policies that have been returned to this office because of the wrong address, or members who moved and left no forwarding address. Your policy may be here, waiting for you to call for it.

Also, mail has been returned, marked moved, left no address, wrong street number, etc., these include Union dues books, receipts, buttons, etc. IF YOU HAVE MOVED PLEASE LET THE UNION OFFICE HAVE YOUR NEW ADDRESS.

REGISTER TO VOTE AND BE ELIGIBLE TO CAST YOUR VOTE WHENEVER AN IMPORTANT ELECTION COMES UP.

IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED, REGISTER TODAY!

Agrillo Gives Year's Report As District Vice President

Anthony Agrillo, vice president of District No. 8 of the California State Federation of Labor, has sent his annual report to the Federation for printing and for reading at the convention just prior to Labor Day at Los Angeles.

At request of this paper, Agrillo, who is secretary-treasurer of San Jose Barbers Union 252 and also secretary-treasurer of the California State Association of Barbers, has given permission for publication of his report in this Labor Day edition. The report follows:

By ANTHONY AGRILLO

Vice-Pres. Dist. 8, California State Federation of Labor
In the face of the Taft-Hartley Act and its limitations and despite unseasonal unemployment problems, District No. 8 has been able to record excellent progress during the past year.

Probably the biggest news of the period is the local election successes throughout the territory and the construction of three new labor halls.

In Monterey, San Jose and San Mateo, labor union officials hold posts on city councils as result of elections. Buck Russo, a motion picture operator and Tony Alves, a fish cannery worker and labor council official, were elected to the Monterey council as the "labor slate" won. San Jose's mayor is Fred Watson, secretary of Motor Coach Employees Union 265. In San Mateo, George Mann, of the Auto Mechanics Union, was elected to the city council.

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My home city of San Jose has a fine new \$200,000 Labor Temple, dedicated in April of this year and occupied by most AFL unions of the area. San Mateo has two new union halls, built by Laborers Union 389 and Electricians Union 617, complete with meeting and office space for several organizations.

Construction activity centers in Monterey County and still is continuing in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Two mammoth projects in Monterey County hold interest, an \$50,000,000 steam generating plant for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. at Moss Landing and a \$10,000,000 new state prison at Soledad. New industry and store buildings, plus home building projects, keep builders busy in other counties, with the San Francisco Peninsula boom continuing.

Organizational activity continues without letup throughout the area. Where Taft-Hartley election have been necessary, the unions generally have been victorious and have won good contracts. Membership of AFL unions is showing steady increase throughout the district.

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The bad winter curtailed agriculture and unemployment resulted for some unions connected with fruit and vegetable packing and shipping. New crops, however, gave promise of being plentiful and the unemployment picture was not considered as too serious, although unseasonal.

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Any representative who must cover five counties must necessarily keep on the move. Rather than go into possibly boresome detail on events in this area during the past 12 months, I will summarize the highlights briefly by counties.

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY
Laundry Workers Union 33 signed the American Laundry, crashing into that infamous circle of enterprises operated by Christ's Church of the Golden Rule. Cannery Workers Union 679 won a strike at the Driscoll Strawberry Farms and established a standard agreement. Prominent businessmen and officials of an employers association had to walk six flights up as Engineers Union 39 picketed a large San Jose office building to win a new contract.

Entertainment for union members was stressed during the year with 2000 persons enjoying one union's Christmas party 5000 at another organization's picnic and several other organizations holding parties of various descriptions. Blood banks were supported widely and several unions started their own blood donor programs as a service to members.

In civic and political affairs, county unions were unusually active. Local elections were considered and sides taken. Two irrigation dam issues were assisted by

labor officials. The county Civic Center plan was promoted. A veterans "city" was backed. Cooperative stores were endorsed and widely supported. Labor had a booth of its own in the County Fair. Firemen's Union 873 staged a public Easter Egg Hunt. Retail Clerks Union 428 entered a basketball team in City League competition, the team winning first place.

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Major conventions came to San Jose during the past year. The Western Cannery Council held a big meeting. Several hundred carpenters and wives gathered for the annual State Council of Carpenters convention. Musicians from California-Arizona-Nevada district council met in San Jose. Working with the San Jose Convention Bureau, of which many unions are a part, other conventions are being brought to the county.

Personalities made news also. Robert Judson, former secretary of the Building Trades Council, continued active in civic life. J. E. McDonald, pioneer labor newspaper editor of the area, passed away as did Dave Bunker, close friends of labor and secretary of a builders organization. John S. Sipple, union janitor, won the largest federal suit of the area in gaining an award of \$21,500 from the government for injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

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SAN MATEO COUNTY

Retail Clerks Union 775 successfully organized variety store girls of the county. Electricians Union 617 remembered its 41st anniversary with a gala dinner and dance. Cement Workers Union 760 gained widespread publicity for its blood bank program. Painters unions put into effect a \$1000 insurance program plus a new contract calling for hospitalization benefits. Culinarian-Bartenders Union 340 continued picketing of a restaurant after more than a year of effort to gain a new contract.

Central Labor Council by-laws changes brought a drastic change in representation by re-scheduling per capita and delegate strength and as result, Jack Goldberger and John Healy, of Newspapers Drivers 921, were lost to the council. Edward J. Carrigan, new council president, was widely supported in his move for appointment as U. S. Marshal.

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Social security laws were explained in a special forum of all union officials, a worthy gesture by the government. Labor's support of hospital bonds in Redwood City and San Mateo helped both issues win. A labor booth in the County Fiesta was donated to the Society for Crippled Children as a civic step. Mass graduation of apprentices of all crafts, nearly 300 in number, drew a huge crowd.

Albert H. Randall, mainstay for many years in the county building trades movement, resigned abruptly, a real loss to the labor movement. Unions gave wide support to the San Mateo City Boys' Club program for prevention of juvenile problems.

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SAN BENITO COUNTY

Organizational activity by unions from Salinas and San Jose form the major picture here. Building trades have made wonderful progress as have butchers, but other crafts have fought an uphill battle, still pledged to continue the fight and win it.

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MONTEREY COUNTY

Formation of a coalition of Teamsters unions here for protection



ANTHONY AGRILLO

tion of AFL lettuce shed and field workers from employer attacks which might be possible under the present CIO agreement in sheds was a major step forward for the AFL. In Salinas, Teamsters Union 890 won a taxicab strike although the CIO Transport Workers Union moved in and attempted to raid the AFL group.

Salinas unions combined for a mammoth public Christmas Party for youngsters, presenting a benefit boxing show first to raise funds and then playing host to 1300 children. Teamsters Union 890 opened its Kiddies Klub with semi-monthly presentation of motion picture shows for youngsters, a program backed by civic leaders for its juvenile delinquency prevention merits. Monterey County Central Labor Council sponsored a dance to aid the Red Cross drive.

The Pep Creamery strike in Monterey, as well as in Santa Cruz and Watsonville, was won by culinary

unions after weeks of picketing. Painters Union 1104 of Salinas donated work to paint the Boy Scout House and Alisal Legion Hall, both civic gestures. Monterey Painters Union 272 followed suit by donating to paint the VFW Hall there.

Fishermen and fish cannery workers were hard hit as a new law enacted at Sacramento banning "summer pack" of sardines. This will cut down summer employment. A spectacular fire on Monterey's "Cannery Row" hurt employment a little during the season.

James Gaynor, once prominent as business agent of Salinas Building Trades Council, passed away suddenly.

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Organizational work by the county-wide Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 345, with successful negotiations of new agreements in Santa Cruz area, tops activity in this county. This union won its strike against Pep Creamery, too. Laundry Workers 33 of San Jose

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**Fed. Urges 'No'
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Aged, Blind Aid****'Boycott Immediately All
Voluntary Disability Plans'**

Included in an outspoken, courageous stand for human rights in California, the State Federation of Labor's executive council this week recommended to the Federation convention in Los Angeles that it officially oppose at the coming state election Proposition No. 2, which would repeal Article XXV giving aid to the blind and aged.

The frank, sincere "Statement of Policy" by the executive board, covering job, voting and security rights of California's common people, brought many expressions of praise from delegates as the 47th annual convention opened in Los Angeles Shrine auditorium.

About 2,000 delegates were on hand to hear a welcome by Pres. Thomas Ranford of L. A. Central Labor Council, introduction of guests by State President John Shelley, and the opening address by Governor Earl Warren. Secretary C. J. Haggerty declared that intense political action is the convention keynote, and it was to be emphasized by speeches given later this week by AFL Pres. Wm. Green and LLPE Director Joseph Keenan.

"Repeal of Article XXV of the State Constitution (aged and blind aid) will work great harm on the elder citizens of California," the executive council declared. "A NO vote is recommended on Proposition No. 2, the repeal measure."

This vigorous stand was seen again throughout an 11-pound, 10-page digest of the council's statement.

Another sharp stand was made in regard to private "voluntary" disability plans, on which the board declared that "all unions must institute an immediate boycott . . . to curb the interests, power and influence of the insurance companies, who are preventing a liberalization of labor's program to meet the pub-

lic need."

Other highlights of the policy statement, to be considered by delegates were:

1. Local political activity must be year-round, full-time. Every union member must be registered. Press and radio must be used.
2. Organizing must be increased.
3. Congress must pass a national prepaid medical care plan to provide better health and longer life for the American public.
4. Positive action to meet growing unemployment in the state must be taken in public projects.
5. Rent control must be continued, made stronger. Labor must be active on rent boards and keep public informed.
6. More low-rent public housing needed in the state.
7. Discriminating in voting practices (poll tax) and employment must be curbed.

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George Johnson, butcher at the Favorite Market in downtown Salinas, has shown great ability as a marksman recently, winning the championship contests in San Leandro last week. He is a member of Butchers Union 506.

His record at San Leandro included the over-all high trophy with a card of 291 of a possible 300. He was third in the all-bore class, first in the 20-gauge, first in Class A of the 28-gauge, and first in the .410 event.

In the shoot-off for the 20-gauge title, Johnson defeated Ed Castagnetto, a top sharpshooter on the Pacific Coast. He fired a 198 card, out of a 200; cracked 100 straight birds in the all-bore, and 75 straight in the shoot-off. Winning the 20-gauge title, he got 98 out of 100. His Class B trap record brought him second place in this event.

Beat Welfare Dept.

Washington.—The Senate beat down President Truman's plan to bring various agencies of the federal government together into a Dept. of Welfare, defeating Reorganization Plan No. 1 by a 60-32 vote.

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Salinas Labor Sets Pace in Good Labor-Public Relations

By WM. G. (BUD) KENYON

Secretary, Central Labor Union of Monterey County

When I was asked to give a report on what has happened during the past year in the Salinas area, I was surprised—it would take a book to tell it all!

However, I will try to touch on some of the highlights, such as the big new construction jobs, our council's dance for the Red Cross, the big free Teamster shows for kiddies of the area, the Christmas party for the youngsters, excellent organizing progress by our unions, and as many subjects as space permits.

Biggest construction news, of course, is the \$50,000,000 generator plant for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. at Moss Landing, now underway, and the \$10,000,000 state prison project at Soledad, scheduled to start before the year is out. These jobs will keep building tradesmen here busy for a long time to come.

In the construction field, we have had a new junior high school built in Soledad, a big improvement to the county hospital, a new school in Castroville, a big Sanborn Road overpass, and countless projects, big and small, which include several housing developments, much street improvement and several sewer systems.

AID RED CROSS, SCOUTS

Last spring, the Central Labor Council and our local unions jointly sponsored a dance with proceeds going to the Red Cross. We are active in support of worthy charities and this summer the council sponsored several boys to the Optimist Club's Boys' Camp near Arroyo Seco.

Biggest thing in this area from a civic standpoint, in my opinion, is the Kiddies Club, which was organized by Teamsters 890 for youngsters in Salinas area and which meets every other Saturday morning at Salinas High School. Free motion pictures are shown at each meeting, including cartoons, westerns, educational short subjects, and special features. Recent shows have had 500 kiddies in attendance, getting them off the streets and into supervised recreation, and the Kiddies Club has won a high place in community life.

The annual Children's Christmas Party last December attracted nearly 3,000 persons. There was a big circus show and plenty of candy, gifts and toys free to the youngsters, with Santa Claus on hand to greet each kiddie present. These Christmas parties, originated by the Laborers Union, are now sponsored by the council and its affiliated organizations. A boxing program was sponsored by the council to help raise the costs of the Christmas Party.

Last election the labor movement was split somewhat and so this year the council has endeavored to bring about harmony through formation of a local Labor League for Political Education. We will meet with Monterey's Labor Council and also with political and labor groups of the entire 11th Congressional District to set up a working program for unified action in coming campaigns.

CLEAN-UP DRIVE

Local unions have been generous in donations for civic purposes. The Painters Union, as part of the "Clean-up Week" campaign, painted both the Boy Scout house and the Alisal Legion hall. Several unions donated for the rehabilitation of the Child Care Center. All organizations have been generous in relief fund campaigns.

Salinas has had its labor organizing difficulties but generally can report success in organization. The taxicab situation, with the big com-



WM. G. KENYON

panies under the AFL banner and with the CIO trying to "raid" with back-door contracts with other taxi firms, still is far from a settlement, leaders say.

Our unions have been traveling into Hollister to unionize bars and cafes there. Locally the organization of these crafts is excellent.

All unions have gained new footholds with smart work in organizing the Mechanics Union, Painters, Carpenters, Laborers, Electricians, Plumbers, Clerks, Teamsters—and many others—have made gains through new contracts and wage increases.

The Labor Council has a new president for the current term, actually an old timer who has returned to the chair, being George Harter, of the Carpenters. Ex-President Bob Shinn did a swell job and did not run for re-election.

Before I'm told to stop, I'll bring this to a close. Many of the important matters have been left out, mostly from lack of space, so an apology is due anyone who thinks his or her union's progress should have been reported and was not.

In closing, let me thank all unions for their cooperation with the Central Labor Union of Monterey County. It has been a pleasant year with many things going at once and with everyone cooperating.

Once again we are making a try to build a Labor Temple to house all our AFL unions. With all of the locals more interested than ever before, we are sure this will become a reality in 1950.

Officers of the Council should be listed in any such report as this, and the local Council's leaders include:

President—George R. Harter.
Vice President—Wm. Price.

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Welfare Dept. Plan Beaten

Washington—The Senate Aug. 16 beat down Pres. Truman's plan to bring various agencies of the federal government together into a Dept. of Welfare, defeating Reorganization Plan No. 1 by a 60-32 vote.

Under the law, Presidential reorganization plans go into effect in short order unless one house of Congress defeats them by a majority vote. Thus, the Welfare Dept. plan is killed for this session of Congress by the Senate action.

Backed by organized labor, the plan was vigorously opposed by the American Medical Assn. lobby. The AMA hopes to get the health activities of government into a separate department, which it hopes to control. Under the plan submitted by President Truman, agencies dealing with health matters would be in the Welfare Dept.

In floor debate, leaders of the opposition to the plan were Senators John McClellan (D., Ark.) and Robert A. Taft (R., O.). One of their principal arguments was that Oscar Ewing, who was personally distasteful to them, would probably be chosen to head the new bureau. Ewing is now Federal Security Administrator and a principal spokesman for the administration's health insurance proposals.

Establishment of the Welfare Dept. was recommended by the Hoover Commission on reorganizing the federal government. Spokesmen for the plan argued that the new department might cut down duplication and government expense and that the Hoover Commission recommendation should be followed. Opponents claimed the commission did not call for the health setup included in the Truman plan.

Taft tried to make the plan look like a pressure job by organized labor, claiming the CIO had been pushing the reorganization plan. This was his answer to charges that the AMA was fighting the program.

Only 28 Democrats stood by Truman on the vote, while 23 voted to kill the Welfare Dept. plan. Four Republicans bucked their party line to support the reorganization move.

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Prison Project is Started At Soledad; Salinas Unions Sending Workers to Jobs

Laborers and carpenters were called to Soledad last week for preliminary work on the new \$10,000,000 medium security prison being built by the State of California, the long-awaited project at last getting underway.

All men are being supplied to the project by unions at Salinas, which have jurisdiction over Soledad, some 20 miles south.

Laborers Union 272 sent six men to the job early last week and more were to be sent this week, Business Manager J. B. McGinley reported.

Carpenters Union 925 sent 15 men for the project start with more to be employed after Labor Day, according to Harvey Baldwin, union business agent. Fred Barlow, member of Local 925, is carpenter foreman on the project, Baldwin said.

General contractor on the prison project is a combination of firms, M. & K. Corp., Frederickson & Watson, and Piombo Bros., of San Francisco. The general contract was announced as \$4,488,000.

McGinley said two subcontractors have called for laborers for work at the project.

Matthews and Jorgensen, excavation and digging firm from Hughson, Calif. (near Merced), are starting excavation work, while Granite Rock Co., of Watsonville, is erecting a concrete "batch plant" at the prison site.

Other contractors on the project as listed by the state include:

Electrical — Collins Electric Co., of Stockton, \$385,333; heating and ventilating—Kenneth Fraser, Inc., of Pasadena, \$635,035; plumbing—Fraser, Inc., \$451,451.

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(AFL-LLPE Release)

Corporation lawyers have showned their hands as to how Big Business would deal with labor unions.

The revelation came during hearings before a Senate subcommittee.

The lawyers marched before the hearings, played the bogey of "labor monopolies" and "labor frankensteins" for all it was worth, and then came forward with their prescriptions of what to do about it.

The Taft-Hartley Act is just a starter, it was made clear in the testimony of two of the witnesses. They were Theodore R. Iserman, member of a big New York law firm, and George B. Christensen, who hails from a large Chicago legal mill.

CHRYSLER ATTORNEY

Iserman is counsel for Chrysler Motors, among other corporations, and he helped draft the Hartley version of the T-H Act back in 1947. Among Christensen's clients was George P. McNear, the anti-labor operator of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad, who was murdered as a climax of a war against the rail unions on his property.

Christensen's formula for dealing with "big labor" was the most sweeping. He proposed outlawing all forms of the union shop; repeal of the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act; extension of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act to organized workers; shattering of big unions into small ones, and a ban on "combinations of labor in restraint of trade" so broad as to make almost any effective labor activity a crime.

Christensen lamented that private employers in big industries, such as the mines and railroads, "no longer have any real bargaining power" because "gigantic combines of labor drive them to the wall."

WANTS WEAK UNIONS

"Big nation-wide monopolistic unions should be broken down in size," he demanded — in other words, down to little, weak unions for each company.

Iserman came up with a somewhat different formula. He would extend anti-trust laws to labor, forbid industry-wide bargaining, prohibit national unions from compelling local affiliates to go along with any specific wage policy, and place a batch of other restrictions on union activities long regarded as legitimate.

L. A. Machinists Win Pay Raise

Los Angeles.—Southern California's vast aircraft industry teetered back from the verge of a threat of widespread strikes as the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. came to terms with Lodge 727, Int'l. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated).

By a 97.3 per cent margin, thousands of IAM members voted to okay a new 2-year contract providing a 5c hourly general wage boost, a 10c hourly raise in both minimum and maximum wage ranges and a promised 5c merit raise in 16 weeks.

According to Lodge 727 Pres. John Snider, the pact is "the best in the business." He said the agreement contained 10 important improvements over management's proposals, which were rejected earlier by a 5 to 1 margin. At the time of the rejection the union issued a 5-day strike notice.

Meanwhile IAM officials announced that negotiators at Douglas Aircraft Co. plants in suburban El Segundo and Santa Monica had reached a "mutually satisfactory" agreement with the company on terms comparable to the Lockheed contract.

The Lockheed settlement was expected to set a pattern among the IAM aircraft workers at the Consolidated Aircraft Co. in Long Beach.

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Ginger Rogers, beloved movie star, will lead the great parade featuring the California Constitutional Centennial celebration at Monterey on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 3. She will also, with Governor Earl Warren as partner, head the grand march at the Centennial Ball that same evening. The noted actress will come from Los Angeles to Monterey for the centennial which will last from Aug. 29 through Sept. 5.

MONTEREY IS SET FOR GAY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION; MANY NOTABLES, EVENTS

Ginger Rogers, beloved star of many a famous movie, will lead the parade here Saturday afternoon, September 3, that will be one of the main features of the Constitutional Convention Celebration. Governor Warren will be in the parade.

And that same evening Governor Warren will lead Ginger Rogers as his partner in the grand march at the Centennial Ball to be held in the Naval Line school, the old Del Monte Hotel.

Announcement that Miss Rogers would come to Monterey for the centennial and also take a big part in helping this city to celebrate the historic events of 100 years ago, was made today by George Heinz, executive secretary of the California Centennial Commission.

Miss Rogers, in demand by many motion picture companies as leading lady, has recently made "Perfect Strangers" for Warner Brothers and "Barclays of Broadway" for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

The public well remembers her rise to fame as she danced with Fred Astaire. But Governor War-

ren will be a new dancing partner for her.

The Centennial celebration started August 29 and runs through September 5.

All events sponsored by the California Centennials Commission are free.

These include the huge nightly pageant with a cast of 700, in which Florence Quartararo, California star of the Metropolitan opera, will sing; the Crystalcade on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4, when Ann Curtis and many other well-known aquatic stars will perform in the pool at the Naval Line school, the parade which Miss Rogers will lead, and many other events.

The Saturday parade will be replete with many bands, scores of gay floats and hundreds of horsemen and marchers.

Former Federation Head Retires

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—Roe H. Baker, former president of the California State Federation of Labor, this month retired as deputy collector of Internal Revenue, San Francisco, a post he had held for the past 16 years.

Brother Baker was president of the State Federation in 1924 and 1925. He was at that time a delegate from the Barbers Union, Local 148, San Francisco.

Baker is also a past president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council. His youngest son, Jon Baker, was a star lineman on the University of California eleven, which last year won the Pacific Coast Conference title.

The State Federation extends its warmest greetings to Brother Baker on his retirement and wishes him many more years of vigorous and active life.

AFL Store Guards Strike for Raise

New York—More than 600 members of Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) employed by the Holmes Electric Protective Service struck here Aug. 16 after management rejected demands for a \$5 weekly wage boost.

Most of the strikers are guards who work at large jewelry houses, banks, fur and department stores. Immediately after the walkout was announced, city police were placed on a special alert.

The collapse of negotiations came after a week-long session before a special panel headed by former Police Commissioner Arthur W. Walander. Although the union reduced its original \$10 wage increase demand to \$5, the company refused to grant a general pay raise.

A last-minute effort to put the dispute in the hands of arbitrators met with a firm No from the employer. The company's best offer was an extension of the old contract, which expired July 2.

Typos Continue Historic Strike

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—The now historic battle between the International Typographical Union and the giant publishers of Chicago is entering a critical stage, with the strike-bound Chicago dailies suffering from ever increasing losses in circulation.

The daily Chicago Tribune, which had 1,025,000 paid readers before the Typos walked out, has dropped steadily and now claims only 935,000. The Sunday Tribune admits losing more than 250,000 since February of this year.

In July alone, the Chicago Daily News dropped 22,176 subscriptions. It now admits a loss in sales and subscriptions for the fourth consecutive month.

The daily Sun-Times, which lost another 15,000 buyers and subscribers during July, now has reached an all-time low of 615,000. Before the strike, the Sun and Times, which at that time were separate dailies, had a combined sale well above 800,000.

The strike has also affected advertising. Figures published recently in *Editor and Publisher*, the leading trade paper of the industry, show that in the country as a whole newspaper advertising increased more than 7,000,000 lines during June, with all major cities sharing in the added business except Chicago and Miami, where the printers are on strike.

It was the ITU which led the great union battles in the opening years of this century for the eight-hour day and the closed shop. The Typos won that epic struggle which meant so much to the future of the American labor movement.

Once more the Typos are in the first ranks of our movement, leading the two-fold battle on the Chicago publishers and the nefarious Taft-Hartley Act.

Profit Medicine

Since we have the highest standard of living and since health can be bought, we ought to have by far the best health and the lowest death rate, particularly the infantile death rate. We certainly are well up among the leaders. Our medical workmen do good work, even marvelous work, that is the wonder of the world, in certain places and for certain classes, but we are not the leader in death rates or in improvement of health. Pre-war figures for 1938 show for example that our infantile death rate was 51 per 1000, New Zealand's was only 35.6 per cent, Australia's only 38.3 per cent, and Sweden's only 42.5 per cent.

There are 6324 airports in the United States, of which 403 are military.



COOL AS A CUCUMBER—This cool combination in Las Vegas, Nev., was made possible by Mrs. Frank Natusch, who grew the record-breaking cucumber, and France Le Maire, who holds the 15-pound vegetable aloft.

Rosewald to Build High School

Tom Rosewald, Watsonville contractor, has been assigned the contract for construction of the new Watsonville High School, according to James T. Mann, business agent for building trades crafts in that area. Start of the project has not been announced, Mann added.

B-36—\$1 Billion

Washington.—Testifying before the House armed services committee August 23, Lt. Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings, air force controller, declared that each of the new B-36 planes about which controversy has developed will cost the government more than \$6 million.

The Air Force is building 170 of the six-engined heavy bombers. Taking the Rawlings estimate at rock bottom, the total cost will be over \$1 billion. This is about 50 times the total 1950 budget for the Labor Dept.

Drink, Smoke Monopolies

Washington.—Six giant manufacturers get 75 per cent of the gravy from America's drinkers and smokers, the Federal Trade Commission report on concentration of manufacturing facilities showed August 24.

In the distilled liquors industry, the FTC said, Schenley, Seagrams and Natl. Distillers Products Corp. hold 72.4 per cent of the assets. Together with five other distillers, they control nearly 95 per cent of the liquor field.

American Tobacco, R. J. Reynolds and Liggett & Myers are the big three in cigarettes, holding 77.6 per cent of the industry's wealth. They make Lucky Strikes, Pall Malls, Chesterfields and Camels. Together with the makers of Old Golds and Philip Morris, these tobacco kings dominate more than 95 per cent of their industry.

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NLRB Says Union Liable

Washington.—Another anti-union provision of the Taft-Hartley law was highlighted here when the National Labor Relations Board ordered a local of the AFL's Teamsters Union and an employer to reimburse an employee for wages lost when he was laid off because he was behind in his union dues.

Under the Wagner Act only the employer would have been liable for any back-wage payment. The Taft-Hartley law, however, says in Section 10 (C) that "where an order directs reinstatement of an employee back pay may be required of the employer or labor organization, as the case may be, responsible for the discrimination suffered by him."

The board ruled that the employer and union "jointly and severally" must reimburse the employee for wages actually lost. The decision said that if either party was unable to pay, the entire amount could be collected from the party able to pay.

Ernest Fritz, Jr., a driver for H. Milton Newman, truck operator, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., filed charges against his employer and Local 456 of the Teamsters Union.

The board ruled that the driver had been illegally laid off from March 11 to June 9, 1948, after the local union had called a strike of Newman's two other drivers.

The "avowed purpose" of the strike, according to the board, was to force the employer to lay off Fritz because the latter was three months behind in his union dues and refused to pay the amount as well as three months dues in advance.

The layoff, the board held, was illegal and violated sections 8 (A) (3) and 8 (B) (2) of the act because the employer and the union had no valid union shop agreement. Layoffs are permissible only when there is such an agreement.

The employer and the union had formerly had a closed shop agreement. When it expired they agreed to a union shop, but a Labor Board poll required to legalize it had not been conducted.

The board's ruling was its first case under the amended Section 10 (C) of the labor law, which went into effect two years ago.

In its decision the board said that when it found both employer and union guilty of discrimination and ordered back pay it would not attempt to apportion the amount that each owed.

The board reversed the ruling of a trial examiner in this case who held that the employer was "primarily" responsible for the discrimination. The board's view was that "the act makes no discrimination between primary and secondary responsibility for discriminatory treatment of an employee."

Vets Warned Against Fake Refund Blanks

Washington.—Veterans were warned that swindlers were peddling bogus application blanks to veterans for filing claims for refunds on National Service Life Insurance.

The Veterans Administration said that the blanks, which are reported being sold for 50 cents to \$1 each, would not be accepted when a \$2,800,000,000 dividend was divided among 16,000,000 World War II veterans beginning next January.

Officials said that the peddlers persuaded veterans to buy the false blanks by telling them they would receive their refund checks first if they get their applications in early. There is no validity to the assertion, the officials said.

The applications will be processed in a group when they are all received.

The agency said that its genuine application forms would be available August 29 at post offices, VA offices and at veterans' organizations. They will be free.

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PROTECT AMERICAN LIBERTY, IS BECK'S 'LAST' MESSAGE

(Dave Beck, executive vice president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, was a guest speaker on the CBS network program "What Would I Say?" recently. He was asked by the announcer: "If you were to give your last talk, what would you say?" His remarks give such a momentous warning and clear picture for Organized Labor that the entire talk, in answer to the question, is printed herewith.—The Editor).

By DAVE BECK

"WHAT WOULD I SAY?"

The question I have been asked to answer here tonight poses a real challenge.

What would I say if this were to be my last message, my last public address, or my last lecture?

I would, of course, be concerned for those to whom I have devoted the major part of my life's work—the people of Labor—those who must toil for their living.

What could I say, out of my long association with them, that would contribute most to their future welfare?

PROTECT YOUR LIBERTY

First, I would say, as I have so often said before: let nothing under any circumstances, cause you to surrender your American liberty. That is the most important thing I could possibly say.

I would say, as I have said to Chambers of Commerce, Rotary clubs, Kiwanis clubs, church gatherings of various kinds, to University student bodies over the country, as well as to meetings of my own associates in the Labor Movement:

This is the greatest and best country on earth. Our form of government is the best to serve the people. Private enterprise in business and industry has given us the highest standard of living, the highest level of public health, safety, happiness and opportunity that the world has ever known.

I believe our system and our way of life are the best ever conceived by the mind of man.

Freedom of the individual, freedom of thought and speech, freedom of press and pulpit, freedom of religion—these freedoms are not the fruit of our American system, they are the seeds from which it grew.

Neither peace nor security have any meaning if freedom must be surrendered to get them. The history of the ages proves beyond the slightest doubt that every time a people has given up liberty, for whatever reason, it has surrendered all. Be eternally vigilant lest bigots steal from you your liberties as they have done so many times in the past, in other lands.

Be willing to give everything you own of material value, be ready to fight—yes, to lay down your lives, if necessary—for your liberty. Better to perish miserably defending freedom than to live as slaves.

If this were my last word to you, I would also admit that we must pay a price for our right to be free—often a very heavy price indeed—but freedom is worth it.

NOT ALWAYS EFFICIENT

We are not always efficient, or just, or unselfish in a free country. There is a slack and waste and, too often, outright dishonesty. There are faults in business, in government, in labor. Unprincipled men take advantage of the privileges of freedom to cheat the unwary and the ignorant. Weak men neglect their responsibilities and prove faithless to their trust. Strong men ride arrogantly over the defenseless. The law is slow in bringing the rascals to book. Men of character and high ideals and good training do not always occupy the posts of leadership.

Yes, these things are true at times. They are exceptions; they are not the rule. These evils do not long endure, for you and I know that things which are not right cannot stand the test of time. Eventually and inevitably the wrongs the people suffer are righted, even though justice seems to walk with feet of lead.

PRICE IS NOT TOO HIGH

In spite of these faults, which occur because we are but a part of

an imperfect human family, struggling up toward the goal the Deity set for us, I say—and I have said it a thousand times—if we must pay this price to preserve our freedom, the price is not too high.

I would say to capital, to the management and ownership of our great business and industrial enterprises, and to small business as well:

You cannot long remain free unless Labor is also free. Our system of free, private enterprise and initiative is not a one-way street. If you destroy for others the very freedoms which have made your way of life possible, if you shirk your responsibilities to the public, then you will bring down upon yourselves the tragic consequences of lost faith.

I would repeat this solid truth: There is no problem in human relationships so complex or so grievous that it cannot be solved reasonably, if men of character, men with a sincere and honest desire to cooperate in mutual confidence, will sit down together around the conference table, each respecting the right and dignity of the other, and all inspired by the will to serve the common good.

COOPERATIVE EFFORT

Sincere and unselfish cooperative effort is the greatest need of the world today.

I would say this to Labor:

You cannot take from business what business does not have.

You cannot take something out of a bucket unless it is first in the bucket. You cannot do by magic what you cannot do by reason; there is no misery in either business or labor.

You must meet management on the common ground of reason and honesty. Intelligence must serve you and nothing else will avail.

If you drive business to the wall, you destroy the jobs of your fellows and both you and they have nothing.

CAN SAY "YES"

Oh, I can find a thousand men, on almost any street, who can say "Yes," without regard for consequences, if they think that will make them more popular.

What we need, in every segment of our economic life, is more men who have the courage to say "No," when that is the answer dictated by reason and conscience. We need men who can forget personal pride and ambition, who have the ability to look down that road to the future, who can weigh the consequences of their actions, and who can serve intelligently and courageously, thinking only of the welfare of their people.

I would by all means say this to Labor—to all who toil for their living—if this were my last word on earth:

GIVE FAIR DAY'S WORK

Give a fair day's work for a fair day's wage. That is your obligation. The man who refuses to do this is dishonest, both with his fellows and with himself. He does not earn a right to a share in tomorrow's progress, because he is not giving of himself to make that progress possible. He is a drag, a dead-weight upon the shoulders of honest toilers.

Keep your agreements: hold them sacred. Once your word is given, make it good, no matter how unpleasant the temporary result may be. The signed contract of a Labor Union must be the solemn pledge and bond of every member; it must be fulfilled to the last letter. That is the way of honorable men.

To my own close associates in the Teamsters Union, I would say:

STUDY YOUR INDUSTRY

Study your industries. Know their problems and help find the answers. Work to make your employers prosperous for in so doing you will enable them to pay better wages and at the same time give the public better and cheaper service. Thus you will build an increasing demand and assure a greater volume of employment, economic advancement all down the line, and better conditions for yourselves.

Take an active part in the civic life of your home communities. Be

good citizens and good neighbors.

Register and vote in all elections; let nothing keep you away from the polls on election day. The right to vote is a precious part of your American liberty.

Take your full share in all public and charitable enterprises. Support the Red Cross, the March of Dimes, the Community Fund. Contribute to your church. Help those who are not as fortunate as yourselves.

Practice thrift: buy the bonds of your government. Provide as much security for yourselves and your families as humanly possible by saving a part of your earnings.

I have often warned Labor against communism, for I have seen the communists at work in Unions.

Communism is a deadly poison; it seeks to destroy your liberty.

COMMUNISM DENIES GOD

Communism denies God, religion and the church. Its philosophy is the doctrine of defeat; its essence is terrorism. It makes perjury a virtue and honesty a sin. It is the opiate of desperate men.

More perhaps than we realize, our rights and privileges, our very safety in our homes, depends upon the integrity of our American judicial system.

Communism would utterly destroy the foundations upon which our law and courts are established, for it advocates to its followers that they lie deliberately under oath, to advance their cause.

When the witness in court takes his oath before God and upon the Holy Writ to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, his testimony must tip the scales of justice in the direction of right, or the law becomes a travesty. Any doctrine which teaches lying under oath, which denies the existence of God, undermines the last hope of fair dealing and justice for the common man.

FEEDS ON DISASTER

Communism feeds on disaster and turmoil and tragedy. Those who follow its tenets do not want peace; they want a sword. They do not desire progress for the working man, they hope for unemployment, for bankruptcies, and depression. Out of these tragedies and sufferings of the people, they plan to steal, violently and forcibly, the power to rule. If they ever succeed—God help America.

I have no fears that the Communists will ever succeed in America so long as our people are awake to the dangers in their vicious creed, and so long as we love liberty well enough to defend it with our lives.

Yes, there are faults in our system, but the system itself provides the means for correcting them without ripping out the very foundations of our house. We are competent to solve our problems in our own American way. We do not require, nor will we tolerate, interference by agents of a foreign power.

SAY THESE THINGS BEFORE

I have said all these things before. They are a part of my philosophy of life. They strike a responsive chord in the hearts of my associates in Labor.

Never forget that the rights and liberties we now enjoy were won by the blood and tears and suffering of untold thousands during the long, historic struggle of the common man, up from serfdom. They did not merely happen to us. They were not granted or given to us. Our forebears won them!

We shall keep these rights and liberties so long as we deserve them and we shall deserve them only so long as we are willing to give everything we have—even our lives—to keep our freedom safe.

This is our greatest duty. It is the only way we can preserve for generations yet unborn the priceless heritage which so many generations of men, long since forgotten, struggled to bravely to hand down to us.

Overhaul Security Act

Washington.—By a vote of 22 to 3, the House Ways and Means Committee reached final agreement on a bill to give the Social Security Act its first general overhauling in a decade. Changes in the law would liberalize terms of the old age and survivors insurance programs, public assistance to needy persons over the age of 65, dependent children and the blind.

Mooney, State Apprentice Director, Soon to Retire

No Labor Day would be complete without a word about the apprentice training plan developed through the efforts principally of the AFL unions in the state.

This labor paper has carried a lot of publicity about the plan in past issues and recently was in receipt of a letter from the Joint San Francisco Labor-Management Committee thanking it for publicity in connection with the recent mass graduation of apprentices in the San Francisco auditorium.

At the last meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, a letter from Archie Mooney, chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the California Department of Industrial Relations, was read. He thanked the officers, delegates, and affiliates of the council for their cooperation with the successful graduation.

Mooney, who is an old trade union man—a carpenter—is nearing 70 years of age and will be retiring another 10 months. Despite his age, his enthusiasm for the apprenticeship program has led him in a never-ending tour of the state to see that the plan is carried out to the full satisfaction of labor and management alike.

He has watched the ratio of apprentices to journeymen in each trade very closely and whenever an employer has sought to put something over has not hesitated to crack down.

The program has done much since the war to insure new and expanding industries in California a competent supply of skilled help. The steady, orderly growth of industry in the state has benefitted all organized laboring people.

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Labor Day rightfully belongs to American workers who toil diligently day after day to contribute their share to the greatness of this nation.

Long before Labor Day became a legal holiday it was celebrated by workers as a day of festive activity and rest from their daily tasks. It was the creation of laborers, not of politicians. It was the brainchild of a union carpenter 12 years before Labor Day was proclaimed a national holiday by act of Congress.

Peter J. McGuire, a native of New York City who joined the ranks of America's toilers while still a child, was the father of the observance in honor of the country's working people.

In May of 1882, he stood before the newly organized Central Labor Union of New York City and proposed that one day of the year be set aside as a general holiday for the working masses.

McGuire suggested that the holiday be known as Labor Day and that it be set for the first Monday in September, which would put it midway between two national holidays—the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving.

Other delegates to the meeting enthusiastically embraced the idea. A committee was named and soon preparations were under way for the initial celebration of Labor Day.

Approximately two years after this first Labor Day, the 26 delegates to the fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor held in Chicago adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the first Monday in September of each year be set apart as a laborers' national holiday, and that we recommend its observance by all wage workers, irrespective of sex, calling or nationality."

During the next few years organized labor devoted its attention to securing state legislation making Labor Day a legal holiday. As early as 1887, Oregon enacted the first state law, but this measure designated the first Saturday in June as Labor Day. This was changed to the first Monday in September in 1893. Ultimately, 23 states proclaimed Labor Day a legal holiday.

The Labor Committee of the House of Representatives in May of 1894 presented a favorable re-

port on a bill making Labor Day a legal public holiday.

By June 26 of that year Congressional action on the bill had been completed and two days later the measure was signed by President Grover Cleveland. The pen used by the President was turned over to Representative Amos J. Cummings of New York City, who sponsored the bill in the House. Cummings then sent the pen to President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

Thus, a dozen years after McGuire first advanced the idea of a special holiday honoring labor before the Central Labor Union of New York City, the proposal had the approval of the American people, expressed through their elected representatives at Washington.

Over the years since 1882 much has been said concerning the significance of Labor Day. One of the best statements was made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in an editorial written 46 years ago for the American Federationist. While the reference to the 19th Century is remote, Gompers' remarks are timeless in point. He wrote:

"No day in the calendar is a greater fixture, one which is more truly regarded as a real holiday, or one which is so surely destined to endure for all time, than the first Monday in September of each recurring year, Labor Day.

"Labor Day differs in every essential from the other holidays of the year of any country. All other holidays are in, a more or less degree, connected with conflicts and battles, of man's prowess over man, of strife, and discord for greed or power, of glories achieved by one nation over another.

"Labor Day, on the other hand, marks a new epoch in the annals of human history. It is at once a manifestation of reverence for the struggles of the masses against tyranny and injustice from time immemorial; an impetus to battle for the right in our day for the men, women and children of our time and gives hope and encouragement for the attainment of the aspirations for the future of the human family.

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SACRAMENTO REPORT

By ASSEMBLYMAN
ROBERT L. CONDON



Although the legislature is adjourned, the business of legislation continues. Interim committees are meeting all around the state, organizing and outlining programs of investigation . . . national magazines are spotlighting lobbyist activities in our State Capitol . . . and the people will have a chance to write laws directly this coming November.

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INTERIM COMMITTEES: The '49er Session broke many records during its life, and one of its last acts was to set up a record number of interim committees. The Assembly alone has authorized 29 such committees and given them \$558,000 to work with. The largest single appropriation went to the Water Pollution Committee. They have \$100,000 to aid them in gathering information that will help answer the questions "who is polluting our water and what do we do about it?" Other interim committees include Governmental Reorganization (\$50,000), Taxation (\$45,000), Transbay Crossings and Tideland Reclamation (\$45,000), Governmental Efficiency and Economy (\$40,000) and Finance and Insurance (\$30,000). The smallest appropriation, \$3,000, went to the Public Lands and Industrial Safety Committee.

Some of these groups, such as

as broad in its scope as the universe.

"It was not given to but conquered by labor, and established as a holiday before any legislature, state or national, enacted it into law.

"The marching toilers in the Labor Day demonstrations signalize no martial glory, brutal domination, conquests or warlike pomp. They are, in their essence, the manifestations of the growing intelligence of the workers who recognize that peace is as essential to successful industry and real progress as air is to lung-breathing animals; that justice to the toilers has too long been denied; in midst of the civilization at the close of the 19th Century, wrongs too gross, widespread and well known to require mention here, still abound; that if man is to be free in the time to come, eternal vigilance must be exercised, organization of the workers proclaimed, maintained and extended; education of the educated as well as of the masses be furthered and nurtured, and agitation of labor's wrongs endured and rights denied undertaken, with all the zest and energy begotten by devotion to a cause which is at once holy, noble, pure, lofty, just, wise and humane."

Newspaper accounts have preserved for us the color attendant upon the celebration of the first Labor Day in New York City when American labor, led by Peter J. McGuire, paraded in orderly fashion through the streets of the city.

Of the picnic in Elm Park following the parade, one newspaper said: "It had been arranged that each union would have a certain portion of the grounds marked out for itself, and this facilitated a greater fraternizing than otherwise could have been observed.

"As it was, fellow-workers and their families sat together, joked together and caroused together. . . Americans and English, Irish and Germans, they all hobnobbed and seemed on a friendly footing, as though the common cause had established a sense of closer brotherhood."

From mid-afternoon to nightfall there was speechmaking. One of the best-received speakers, of course, was McGuire himself.

When evening came a still larger crowd, for only a fraction of the city's employers had decreed a holiday, and the Central Labor Union had advised all whose employers desired them to work to do so. Fireworks and dancing both had important parts in the after-dark portion of the festival.

Fatal Delays

There can be no question that many deaths and much disability and illness occur every year because fear of impoverishment by the cost of medical care delays resort to medical care, or because even more complete lack of funds prevents people from getting either any care or the best available and possible.

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Official Figures Show Terrible Illness Toll Among U.S. Workers

Appalling official figures on the terrific toll that illness exacts from the nation's workers were revealed by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin. He presented them to the House Interstate Commerce Committee hearings on the Administration's health insurance bill.

"The impact of ill health on American production is frightening in its implications," he said. Losses from strikes amount to only a small fraction of the huge damage caused by sickness and injury, he disclosed.

In the crucial war year of 1942, when manpower on the job was urgently needed, "illness of one kind or another cost American industry four billion work days," Tobin declared.

"This unbelievable total was equal to the loss of a full year's working time of 13 million people—a manpower force considerably greater than the total strength of our armed forces at that time," Tobin pointed out.

"Of these lost workdays," he said, "500 million were due to absenteeism, caused by illness or accident, a billion to permanent disability, a billion and a half to premature death, and another billion to the reduced efficiency of persons who remained on the job although actually too sick to work."

Year after year the toll is similar, Tobin asserted. "It has been estimated that on any given working day," he said, "over seven million persons in the United States are so disabled by sickness or injury that they cannot go about their ordinary business and that of this number, about half have been disabled for six months or more."

SHOWS HEALTH INSURANCE NEED

Figures such as these, the cabinet official contended show the urgent necessity of enacting the Administration's health program, including compulsory insurance for payment of medical bills and expansion of medical and hospital facilities.

"We can no longer afford to be as wasteful of our manpower resources as we have been in the past," Tobin emphasized. "The health and vitality of our people, particularly in the light of present world conditions, demand prompt adoption of an effective program of national health insurance."

Meantime, another important development in the struggle over health insurance came out of Atlantic City at the closing sessions of the convention of the American Medical Association—the "Doctors' Trust."

A.M.A. MAKES CONCESSION

For the first time, the A.M.A.'s governing body—its house of delegates—gave a grudging "okay" to voluntary plans for pre-payment of medical costs, sponsored by unions, consumers' groups or other "lay" organizations.

Hitherto, the A.M.A. had bitterly fought such plans. It insisted that if they were set up at all, they had to be controlled by medical societies—and in 22 states the "Doctors' Trust" got through laws which prohibited establishment of any plans to bring down the cost of medical care, unless organized and controlled by the "doctors' unions."

Under the new action, the A.M.A. notified local and state medical societies that such plans can be given official approval if they meet 20 "principles" laid down by the house of delegates.

"This is progress, even though light," said a spokesman for the Committee for the Nation's Health, which is spearheading the fight for health insurance. "The concession voted by the A.M.A. is a minor one, but at least it extends lip service to the rights of consumers to establish systems for stabilizing medical expenses."

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One of the finest meteoric spectacles ever observed was in Europe on October 9, 1933. The "shooting stars" at their peak totaled almost six per second, or a rate of 20,000 an hour.

Good Catch on Party Boats

Terminal Island, Calif.—The 91,064 ocean anglers who boarded California party fishing boats during the month of June received full value for their \$3 license fee when they took home an average of 6 fish each.

From operators of 302 pleasure fishing boats, reports were submitted to the Division of Fish and Game showing a monthly catch of 523,740 fish.

By ports, the following fish were landed:

San Francisco—1080 rockfish, 1030 salmon, 60 other species.

Santa Cruz-Monterey Area—23,310 rockfish, 7730 kingfish, 4120 sole, flounders, sand dabs; 3540 ling cod, 4970 other species.

Morro Bay, Avilla, Port Hueneme—15,000 rockfish, 8200 kelp and sand bass, 1110 cabezone, 960 ling cod, 650 halibut, 500 sole, flounders, sand dabs, 1440 other species.

Malibu, Santa Monica, Redondo—35,700 kelp and sand bass, 16,520 kingfish, 9920 halibut, 4780 rockfish, 2430 barracuda, 1530 sculpin, 960 mackerel, 1780 other species.

Los Angeles Harbor—58,720 barracuda, 46,800 kelp and sand bass, 5560 mackerel, 4030 halibut, 3020 white sea bass, 1220 sculpin, 1020 rockfish, 980 sheepshead, 360 yellowtail, 1980 other species.

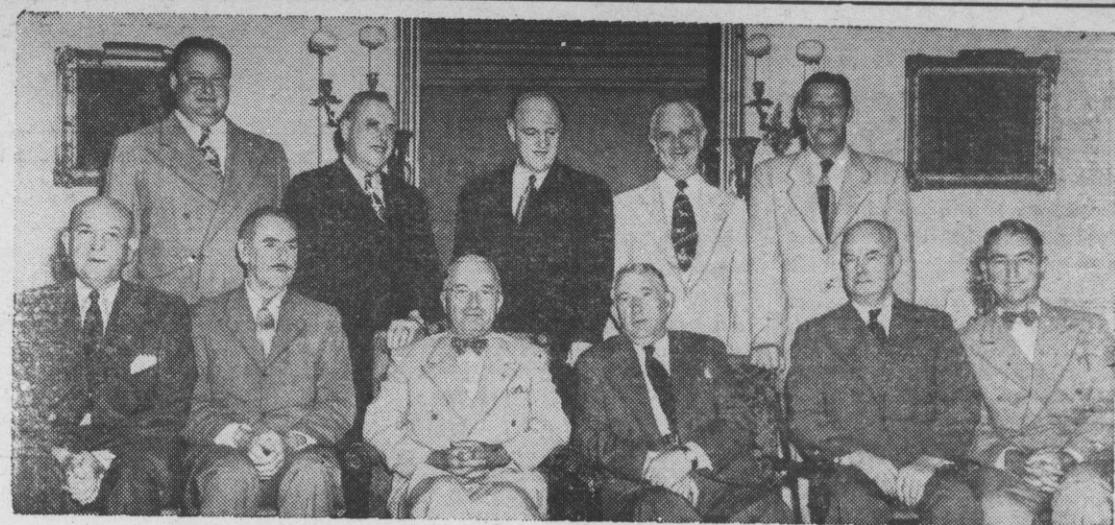
Newport Harbor—74,690 barracuda, 36,8100 kelp and sand bass, 3060 halibut, 2940 mackerel, 800 bonito, 690 white sea bass, 410 sculpin, 380 yellowtail, 900 other species.

San Clemente, Oceanside—26,680 barracuda, 19,540 kelp and sand bass, 3680 mackerel, 1000 halibut, 860 yellowtail, 740 bonito, 450 white sea bass, 890 other species.

San Diego—21,460 kelp and sand bass, 9740 barracuda, 3090 yellowtail, 920 rockfish, 660 sculpin, 580 white sea bass, 380 rockfish, 1380 other species.

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One out of every five men, women and children will try their hand



Teamsters Win Building Strike In Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh—Local 249, Int'l. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) has won its two-month strike against the Master Builders Assn. here.

An announcement by Local 249 Pres. Thomas L. Fagan Aug. 16 revealed that industry representatives had agreed to meet the union's original demand for a 10c hourly pay boost. In addition to the raise, which brings the hourly rate to \$1.50, the drivers won grievance machinery and seniority benefits.

Fagan said he would recommend speedy ratification to the 900 IBT members involved in the dispute, which halted more than \$50 million worth of construction in this area.

The settlement came after a series of conferences called by Clyde Mills, sent from Washington by the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service to bring the parties together.

With the end of the IBT strike, the MBA still faced the demand of Local 2, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers Int'l. Union (AFL) for a 50c hourly wage increase. The bricklayers walked out June 1.

Infra-red spectroscopy is becoming more widely employed as an analytic tool in petroleum refining because of recently developed time-saving shortcut methods.

at fishing throughout the Nation in 1949, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reported to the Senate.

Jersey Auto Workers To Get Jobless Pay

Trenton, N. J.—Four thousand members of the United Auto Workers (CIO) who were laid off here during the UAW strike at the Ford Motor Co.'s Detroit plant will get jobless pay benefits, the state unemployment compensation board of appeals ruled Aug. 16.

The board's decision overruled a lower panel's finding, which barred the payment of \$225,000 to workers made idle May 11 when Ford plants in Metuchen and Edgewater closed down as a result of the Detroit shutdown.

Basis of the appeals board finding was its interpretation of the word "establishment" in the New Jersey unemployment compensation law. The law bars payment to workers where "unemployment is due to a labor dispute at the factory, establishment or other premises at which he (the worker) is employed."

According to the board, the New Jersey plants were not in the same establishment as the Detroit factory.

Workers did not receive the benefit payments immediately since the Ford company in New Jersey has 30 days to appeal the decision to a higher legal body.

'Stay In School'

Washington.—Labor Sec. Maurice J. Tobin August 23 asked labor unions to join with governors and mayors in a drive to encourage American youngsters to stay in school until they have finished college.

LATEST PHOTO OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND CABINET—Following a meeting at Blair House in Washington, President Truman poses with his cabinet members. Seated (l. to r.): Defense Sec. Louis Johnson, Sec. of State Dean Acheson, Truman, Vice Pres. Alben W. Barkley, Treasury Sec. John W. Snyder, Atty. Gen. Tom C. Clark, a member of the U. S. Supreme Court since Senate approval Aug. 18, will be succeeded by Sen. J. Howard McGrath. Standing (l. to r.): Sec. of the Interior Julius Krug, Postmaster Gen. J. M. Donaldson, Sec. of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, Sec. of Commerce Charles Sawyer, Sec. of Labor Maurice Tobin.

A Psalm of Life

Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the Soul is dead that slumbers
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal
Dust thou are to dust returnest
Was not spoken of the soul.

No enjoyment and no sorrow
Is our destined end or way
But to act that each tomorrow
Find us farther than today.

Art is long and Time is fleeting
And our hearts though stout
and brave
Still like muffled drums are
beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of
battle,
In the bivouac of life
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no future how'er
pleasant!
Let the dead past bury its dead!
Act—act in the living present
Hearth within and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked
brother
Seeing shall take heart again.

Let us then be up and doing
With a heart for any fate
Still achieving still pursuing
Learn to labor and to wait.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
1807-1882

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Not too long ago an Indiana farmer saw his home blown to pieces by a tornado, and his possessions literally scattered to the four winds. A \$1000 Savings Bond was picked up 75 miles away and returned to him. All his other bonds vanished in the storm. **But they were not lost!** The farmer received a new bond for every one he had lost. Doesn't this prove, better than words, how absolutely safe Savings Bonds are? They cannot be lost or stolen or destroyed. The money is always **there**, when you want it. And in just ten short years, at maturity, your bonds will pay you \$4 for every \$3 invested—that's \$100 for every \$75 you put aside today. Buy them through regular Payroll Savings where you work. You'll be mighty glad you did!

So-called Newcastle disease, now widely spread among American poultry flocks, seems to be less virulent in this country than abroad.



Average Factory Wage Is \$53.66

Washington. — The average American factory worker had a gross pay of \$53.66 in July, a preliminary study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for that month shows.

BLS said August 24 that the work-week averaged 39 hours in durable goods industries and 38.7 hours in non-durables in July. Wages averaged \$1.46 an hour in durables and \$1.30 an hour in non-durables, BLS said.

Iron and steel was the only durable goods industry where the work-week dipped below 38 hours. But in soft goods the food industry was putting in more than 42 hours weekly on the average, whereas workers in clothing and textiles were getting only 35½ and 36½ hours of work a week.

BES Is Put In Labor Dept.

Washington, D. C. — The Bureau of Employment Security, which combines the functions of placing men and women in jobs, and determining the eligibility of the jobless for unemployment compensation and paying it to them has been transferred to the United States Department of Labor from the Federal Security Agency.

The transfer became effective at midnight Friday, August 19. This was two days after President Truman's Reorganization Plan No. 2, which proposed it, was approved by the United States Senate by a vote of 57 to 32. It had earlier been approved by the House of Representatives by an unrecorded voice vote. It was one of the recommendations of the Hoover Commission to promote efficiency in the Federal Government.

These two functions of Government, intimately associated with the problems of the nation's work force, were among the most fundamental objectives of the Roosevelt New Deal. The Wagner-Peyser Act, which created the United States Employment Service, was passed by Congress on June 6, 1933, within the "first hundred days" of the first Roosevelt administration. The provision for unemployment compensation was a part of the Social Security Act, passed by Congress on August 14, 1935, but not effective until January 1938.

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Labor Press Group Barred In Congress

Washington—The newly-formed Labor Press Association, backed by many labor organizations, is fighting against a rule barring its representatives from the Congressional press galleries.

A Standing Committee of Correspondents, which runs the galleries, voted 3-2 to deny admission to the labor group despite the fact that correspondents from Wall Street publications and the Daily Worker, two anti-labor groups, have representatives in the press rooms.

The association has requested the committee to reconsider its decision, and hinted that it might have to appeal to Congress if the ruling were allowed to stand.

Following the committee's action, the following statement was issued by the Labor Press Association:

"Congress certainly does not intend to permit representatives of every kind of special interest trade paper to use the galleries and refuse that same privilege to a press association representing 180 newspapers serving 12,000,000 subscribers just because they are labor papers."

"Under the committee's decision investors and bankers can have their reporters in the press galleries, but wage-earners and their families cannot. We feel sure Congress in approving the rule did not intend to make this discrimination."

"Even our competitor (Federated Press) enjoys the privilege of the press galleries because it happens to serve the New York Daily Worker, a daily newspaper, as well as weeklies."

No Family Care

A good many trade unions have attempted to obtain health insurance for their members, with the premium to be paid by their employers as part of their collective bargaining arrangement. There are many different union plans, and the best of them provide cash benefits, hospital fees, surgical fees, and medical fees. Only a relatively few, however, provide benefits for the wives and children of the employees, and not many provide medical fees for ordinary doctor's visits as distinguished from the surgeon's charges for an operation.

Sec., R. E. Bagget, phone 20262; Bus. Agt., Albert Everly, 36 Spring, 4577; Rec. Sec., Robt. Larsen, 816 East St., phone 5923. Ex. Bd. meets each Wednesday night at Labor Temple.

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AFL Lettuce Shed Union Seeks New NLRB Election In Area; 'Stall' Attempted

By HOLMAN F. DAY, President Local 912

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Workers Local 912 (IBT-AFL) has filed petitions with the 20th Regional Office of the National Labor Relations Board at San Francisco for an NLRB election to determine the bargaining agent for the 3500 workers employed in the packing shed in Salinas-Watsonville and Hollister area.

The Grower-Shippers Association of Central California through their representatives, Sidney Church, attorney and Jack Bias, secretary-manager, reportedly are aiding left-wing FTA Union in their attempts to stall the election by refusing to enter into a consent agreement for the election. FTA-CIO representatives have similarly refused to consent to the election which will give the workers an opportunity to choose a bargaining representative under the Democratic procedure of a secret ballot election.

The NLRB, assigned Geo. Halverson to investigate the case and the petitions being found in order, has ordered a hearing on the petitions of Local 912 to be held in San Francisco, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 13, 1949.

The fight for the bargaining rights in the SWH sheds started July 14th and 15th, 1948, when the then, officers and members of Local 78 FTA-CIO voted at mass meetings in Salinas and Watsonville to disaffiliate from the Henderson-led and Communist-dominated Food, Tobacco and Agriculture Workers Union, CIO.

Prior to the disaffiliation move Local 78 FTA-CIO was the largest local affiliated with FTA-CIO.

FTA, whose international officers had refused to sign the non-Communist affidavits could not appear on the ballot in the 1948 election which was held September through October 1, campaigned for a "No Union" vote.

Local 912 lost the election by only 158 votes out of 3006 ballots cast, which left the Grower-Shippers Association of Central California free to deal with anyone or no one. The Grower-Shippers chose to deal with the weakest union.

The Grower-Shippers Association, being fully aware of FTA's alleged Communist background and left-wing policies, chose to deal with FTA, and on April 1, 1949, signed a contract with FTA International and its Local 78 containing an illegal Union Shop clause, Section 2, which is identified in the contract by a rubber stamped notation placed there by the Grower-Shipper Association pointing out that Section 2 "is contrary to law and must not be placed in effect by member companies until advised to do so by the association."

This section provided for discharge of the workers for failing to join or maintain membership in FTA 78 after 14 days of employment in the industry. (The Taft-Hartley Act provides for 30 days, and that, only, after an election for a Union Shop is won by the union. This Section (2) of the contract has been used by representatives of FTA 78 to intimidate the workers into paying dues to FTA 78.

Many workers, being unfamiliar with their rights under the law paid dues rather than run the risk of losing their jobs.

FTA-CIO is now in compliance with the Taft-Hartley Act and can appear on the ballot in the next election. With both unions, Local 912 (IBT-AFL) and Local 78 (FTA-CIO) and "No Union," on the ballot, the officers and members of Local 912 AFL are confident that they will be victorious in this election.

Latest dodge of the leaders in CIO left-wing unions is to officially resign from the Communist party so they can sign the affidavits and use the NLRB. No exception is Donald Henderson, former Intl. president of FTA who first resigned as Intl. President and was immediately appointed as "National Administrative Director" by FTA's Intl. Executive Board. This ruse failed to work when the NLRB questioned Henderson's sta-

tus in FTA and refused to accept the affidavits of those FTA international officers who retained their status as executive officers.

Henderson then signed the affidavit and in a story appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle August 18th was quoted as saying: "While it is TRUE I had been a member of the Communist Party I have resigned my membership therein." This and similar exposes of the leadership of FTA International along with the "sell-out" contract for '49 which contained no actual gains for the workers, has succeeded in opening the eyes of many workers who were taken in by FTA and its leaders last year and are only waiting for the election so that they can rectify their mistake of a year ago.

This fact is evidenced in the number of FTA members who signed petitions and aided in getting other signers to insure the election. Barring any unlooked-for delay upon the part of the NLRB board of the election should be held sometime in October meanwhile the Grower-Shippers Association and FTA cannot bargain for a new contract. The present contract expires December 1, 1949 and must be reopened or terminated prior to October 1, 1949.

It is practically assured that representatives of Local 912 will be bargaining for the shed workers after the election. Local 912 has the support of all the AFL unions in the area in their efforts to establish a truly democratic American union in the Fruit and Vegetable Industry.

By HOLMAN F. DAY.
President, Local 912.

Mexico Colors, Farm Labor Union

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco. — The National Farm Labor Union, AFL, last week rejected a protest from Senor Salvador Duhart, Consul General of Mexico in Los Angeles, in which the Mexican official requested the union to refrain from using red, white, and green colors on its letterheads.

In rejecting the protest, the union pointed out that these official organization colors were selected 15 years ago. The colors are also those of the Mexican flag.

The union statement added that the fact the colors of the union are the same as those of the country of origin of its Mexican members "is a happy coincidence which honors rather than violates the spirit of friendliness among the various races that compose the agricultural labor force in the state of California."

The AFL farm union is currently campaigning against importation of Mexican farm labor at a time when unemployment is rising in America. The importation scheme was effected through a pact signed by the U. S. and Mexican governments.

S. F. Jobs Drop

San Francisco. — There were fewer jobs available in July here than the previous month.

Factory employment dropped nearly 2500 with the dip concentrated in food, processing, shipbuilding, heavy machinery, iron and steel. In textiles, chemicals and petroleum there was also a downward trend.

According to the State Dept. of Employment, local offices were receiving far fewer job openings in July than in June. The decrease was estimated at 20 per cent.

Warning Against Pro-Communist Unions by Beck

(Reprinted from Southern California TEAMSTER at request of Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County.)

If American workers could see what is happening in Communist-dominated unions in Europe, they would think twice before accepting a left-wing union as their bargaining agent in the United States.

This statement was made by Teamster International Executive Vice President Dave Beck, who is in Europe at the present time as an AFL delegate to the British Trades Union Congress. Beck is making a first-hand survey of conditions abroad and warned American workers of the dangers of Communist-dominated unions.

In Communist unions the members are treated like slaves, Beck said. They enjoy no freedom of expression or a vote in their union's affairs.

As Vice President Beck stated: "There is no room in the American labor movement for those Kremlin stooges who are bent on destroying the principles which have elevated the American worker to the level of earning the highest wages anywhere in the world."

These Communist stooges closely follow the Marxist theory that the end justifies the means. Commies and fellow travelers will lie, cheat, kill, falsify facts, betray and rob, if it will result in a condition satisfactory to the principles of the Communist doctrine."

How About A U. S. Lottery?

Washington. — Radio giveaway programs, the future of which was put in doubt by a recent Federal Commission ruling, pass out some \$185,000 weekly in cash and merchandise, according to Broadcasting, authoritative radio industry magazine.

The FCC ruling, adopted by a 3-1 vote of the seven commissioners, declared that no station would get a renewal of its license after October 1 if it plans to continue carrying giveaway shows. The FCC declared these programs are violations of the U. S. criminal code, which forbids dissemination of information of lotteries or games of chance. All the programs, it said, contain the element of chance.

Broadcasting said the total cost of radio time taken up by radio giveaway shows, which have been growing fast in popularity in recent months, now amounts to \$55,000 a week. With some \$185,000 worth of prizes and an estimated \$150,000 to \$250,000 spent on talent for the shows, the total giveaway business tops \$1 million weekly.

While the public has gained the chance to shoot for some fantastically elaborate prizes, much of which is taken away by Uncle Sam in income tax, the growth of giveaways has cut seriously into the employment of live radio talent.

The American Broadcasting Company with 13 network giveaway shows stands to lose the most by the FCC ruling, and will be the leader of the four major networks in fighting it, Broadcasting said. It is expected that ABC will drive first for a rehearing, on the ground that three FCC members took no part in the ruling, and might have turned the result upside down. A lengthy court fight is foreseen if the petition for rehearing fails.

Columbia has the richest loot of any giveaway program on Sing It Again, a jackpot of \$50,000, half in cash and the rest in autos, refrigerators and the like. Hollywood Calling is the most lavish of the seven NBC programs, with an alleged \$27,500 worth of merchandise to hand out. Stop the Music, worth about \$20,000 tops the ABC network list of giveaways, and Mutual passes out an average of \$12,500 weekly in merchandise on Queen for a Day, biggest of its 10 shows.

AGRILLO REPORT

(Continued from page 5)
moved into Salinas with a successful organization program here.

Labor Day in Santa Cruz drew thousands of friends to witness a big parade and to enjoy a gala barbecue and program at De LaVeage Park. Cement Workers from several western states gathered in Santa Cruz for a district convention. Re-organization of Santa Cruz Labor Council under new President George Harrison and Secretary Thomas Deane was continued and the council gained in civic standing.

Deane and Business Agent James Mann of Watsonville building unions both underwent serious illnesses but managed to throw them off and return to action. Roy Proctor, butcher and former labor council vice president in Santa Cruz, passed away.

Paul Burnett, building trades council president and business agent for Laborers 283, made a good race for city council in Santa Cruz, losing by a short margin. Barbara Curzi, of Culinary 345, was elected secretary of Watsonville Labor Council in a re-organization program there. A strike of Butchers Union 506 against a new drive-in shopping center caused a furore and was lost because of lack of coordination of support.

I regret that lack of space prevents more detailed report on activities of the district. It has been a most progressive year, one which has resulted in nice gains for the AFL generally.

I almost forgot to mention the election year high spot—President Truman's reelection. This entire district worked for him and was pleased at his return. If we could work as hard together, we might be able to defeat our anti-labor congressman.

As a closing note, I want to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to my many friends and supporters in the district. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve you again and have tried to do my best when called upon in any instance. Harmony and cooperation throughout the area have been of the highest degree and the results speak for themselves.

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Two Holidays In One Week For Butchers

Members of Butchers Union 506 are reminded that Admission Day, September 9, is a holiday in union agreements—thus resulting in two holidays on one week, Labor Day, September 5, and Admission Day.

Business Representative E. L. Courtright of Local 506 said any members having any question in regard the holidays should contact the union's main office in San Jose for information. The San Jose office telephone number now is Cypress 3-0252.

Executive Secretary Earl Moorhead of Local 506 and Mrs. Moorhead are on their annual vacation, resting at some unannounced place, Courtright added.

Sickness, Disaster

Medical care on the fee-for-service basis is only available very inadequately for over 40% of the population and for an additional 30% of the population it tends to be used only as a last resort in serious cases because of the crushing financial burden that adequate medical care imposes on the individual, and this delay inevitably makes things worse.

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**Bits Of
Humor**

Mac: "Why did you kick my dog?"

Sandy: "He raised his leg and I thought he was going to kick me."

"My, what beautiful hands you've got! Tell me, after you cut your nails, do you file them?" asked the chorus girl.

"Oh, no," replied her typist friend, "I throw them away."

Mister: What? You don't mean to say you are going shopping in all this rain?

Missus: Of course I am. I've saved up \$5 for a rainy day and this is the first opportunity I've had to spend it.

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Bewildered, his wife said, "I don't get it." Her foxy husband came back with, "That's what I just said."

If interested in knowing what kinds of wood it takes to make a match, it's he would and she would.

In coveralls, my niece's little daughter was playing in the yard when a passerby said, "Are you a little girl or a little boy?"

April answered, "Don't be dumb. What else could I be?"

A doctor fell into a well, And broke his collar bone. The doctor should attend the sick And leave the well alone.

Sadie: "So they eloped and got married."

Jerry: "And her mother—has she forgiven them?"

Sadie: "I don't think so. She's gone to live with them."

The virtue of a man ought to be measured not by his extraordinary exertions, but by his everyday conduct.—Pascal.

Juvenile delinquency is merely kids acting exactly like their parents.

Judge: "Your profession?"
Witness: "Agricultural expert."
"What was your father?"
"A farmer."
"And your grandfather?"
"A peasant."

"So you desire to be my son-in-law?"

"No, I don't, but if I marry your daughter I don't see how I can get out of it."

Parishioner: "Ah, Dr. Grimes! How did you find those brandied peaches we sent?"

Rector: "My dear Mrs. Vesper, they were indeed delicious; but what we appreciated especially was the spirit in which they were given."

"You've been a pretty sick man," the doctor told his patient. "In fact, I may say that it was only your strong constitution that pulled you through."

"Well, thanks," returned the convalescent, a little testily, "I trust you will remember that when you come to make out your bill."

Fly In Strikebreakers

Buffalo, N.Y.—A plane full of strikebreakers flew over picket-lines outside the Bell Aircraft Corp. and landed at an airport adjacent to the factory. To "protect" the plane, the Niagara Falls county sheriff hired two helicopters and deputized the pilots to patrol the highway over the factory.

It was not until after the historic Boston Tea Party that coffee began to be popular in America.

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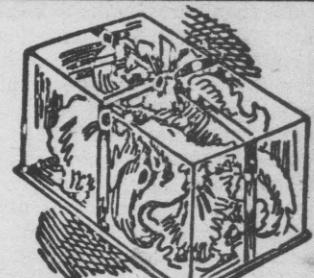
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